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ABEVALS.

Dec. 9. AER. Danish steamer, 232, Resvich,
Hongkong 4th Dec., and Hoikow 7th. Pigs
and General—A. R. MARTY.

Dec. 9. BALDWIN. British steamer, 1924, E. K.
McINTOSH, R.N.R., London, and Singapore
30th Nov., General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
Co.

Dec. 9. BROMBERG. British str., 1492, Wisker,
Liverpool 22nd Oct., and Singapore 1st
Dec., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 9. DARMSTADT. German str., 3,414, W. von
Schnemann, Slough 18th Dec., General—

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Dec. 9. O. FACK. British str., 1,790, Davies
Liverpool 1st Dec., and Singapore 1st Dec.,
General—ARMHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Dec. 9. CATERPILLAR. British str., 1,406, Neil
Shamoon, Sydney, &c., 13th Nov., General—

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Dec. 9. CHOWCHOWFOO. German str., 708, F.
Chen, Canton 9th Dec., General—MEL
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Dec. 9. G. G. CALLOW. British steamer, 1,434,
Lion Davies, R.N.R., Swan 3rd Dec.,
General—JARDINE, MATHERN & Co.

Dec. 9. JACOB DEDRICHSON. German steamer,
710, A. Hindehardt, Chefoo 4th Dec., Gen
eral—CARLOWIE & Co.

Dec. 9. OCAMPO. British str., 1,311, H. T. C.
Price, 10th Dec., General—GIBB, LIVING
STON & Co.

Dec. 9. NAMING. New str., N. Sorenson,
Maji 3rd Dec., Coal—CARLOWIE & Co.

Dec. 9. Loo SOK. British str., 1,620, A. Benson,
Bangkok via Amoy 1st Dec., General—

YUEN PAC HONG. British steamer, 829, Bathurst,
Dec. 9. THAI. British str., 1,200, Amoy 6th, and Swatow
2nd Dec., General—DUGALD LAPPAT & Co.

Dec. 9. FERD. Danish str., 307, C. L. Strand,
Pakhoi 6th Dec., and Hoikow 8th. General—

ARMHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Dec. 9. PESIO. German steamer, 655, Bonn,
Kobe 2nd Dec., General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Dec. 9. TAI. British str., 1,505, H. W. HONG,
Shanghai 6th Dec., General—JARDINE,
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Dec. 9. GEORGIA. Amer. bark, 476, Nansen,
Canton 9th Dec., General—WILDER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 9. DROMED. British str., for London.

Dec. 9. AZAM. British str., for Bangkok.

Dec. 9. DENTON. British str., for Amoy.

Dec. 9. S. N. N. British str., for Hamburg.

AT THE HAMMURABI MASTER'S OFFICE.

9TH DECEMBER.

Taiwan, British str., for Yokohama.

Asiatic, British str., for Hongkong.

Hepp, British str., for Amoy.

Baron Douglas, British str., for Hiole.

Quack, British str., for Shanghai.

Wenchi, British str., for Amoy.

Exmouth, British str., for Sagon.

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Niobe, German str., for Singapore.

PASSAGERS.

BRITISH.

Per Darmstadt, str., from Shanghai.—Messrs.

C. D. and M. H. Hart, and Francis House.

Per Ogapack, str., from Liverpool.—Mr. Chisholm,
and 175 Chinese from Amoy.

Per Catterpillar, str., from Liverpool.—Messrs.

W. Westwood, and Strang, G. Burnett, Mr.

and Mrs. G. W. May, Ken, Mr. and

Mrs. da Rosa, Messrs. L. C. Conner, A. D. C.

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Nascimento and Kam Lam and 100 Chinese

Per Glenelg, str., from Swatow.—Messrs.

Master, Crooke, and Scott, and 220 Chinese from

Singapore.

Per Thaik, str., from Tainan, &c.—Mr.

and Mrs. Hill, and Mr. Arthur.

Per Tsiang, str., from Shanghai—Capt.

Hamlin, Master Franklin, Messrs. Griffiths and

White.

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Per Catherine, Amer. str., for Singapore.—Mr.

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Harmont's Circus at West Point, 2.30 and
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Sale of Japanese Ware at Mr. Lamont's,

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Amusement Competition, 2.45 p.m.

Parachute Jump at Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.

Football Match at Happy Valley, 4 p.m.

Meeting of Zoland Lodge, 9 p.m.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1892.

pyrites have been decomposed by external influences, and also (a) the deeper zone of sulphides, only the two first zones are of importance as regards its production. Modern appliances enable the miner to go deeper, but with increasing depth gold becomes scarcer, and the particles smaller until it disappears altogether. The great mass of gold lies near the surface, and is consequently only found in large workable quantities on the outskirts of civilization. Until 1875 the world's production of the metal had been decreasing for some years; since then it has been fairly constant, until last year, when there was an increase of six per cent., and this increase may be continued for some time owing to the large production in Africa and some other causes. Only 44 per cent., however, of the output of gold now comes from alluvia, whereas in 1875 the proportion from the same strata was 85 per cent. The miners have now to go deeper, where the gold is scarcer. Gold mines invariably "pounce out" as the miners say, and though in Queensland and Africa it is still possible to work in the gossan, there is every reason for believing that the ratio between gold and silver will never be re-established by any great find of gold.

So much for the yellow metal. Let us now see what Mr. Suess has to say about silver. This metal, he tells us, appears in the alluvium in small quantities only; in the gossan it is sometimes found as pure silver and sometimes in combination; in the sulphide zone it is generally in combination with sulphur and arsenic; sometimes it disappears in this zone with increase of depth, but when it is found in combination with volcanic rocks, as in Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, and Chile, for instance, no diminution takes place in the quantities found, and nothing but the increasing heat will stop its extraction from any depth. Reference is then made to the improvements in the methods of working, reducing the loss of silver in the metallurgical process, this loss having been reduced since 1874 from 46 per cent. to 16 per cent. The average cost of production, we are told, is only 8d. per rupee (say £1.8d. per dollar!); but on this point we are not prepared to accept Mr. Suess's statement, since it is notorious that many mines have had to close during the last twelve or eighteen months because they did not pay the cost of working. However, Mr. Suess is emphatically of opinion that there is no hope of any retrogression in the production of silver. It exists in abundance, it will be produced as long as there is any profit, and the disproportion in the relative values of gold and silver must increase as time goes on. The silver supply of the world can be increased to almost any extent, whereas the gold supply is getting exhausted.

Such is the cheerful prospect presented from the geological point of view. If Mr. Suess's theory and facts are correct the time must come when England and the other countries of Europe will be unable to support the burden of a gold currency; but in the meantime the divergence in exchange, with its embarrassing effects on trade, must go on increasing. The Currency Conference should have decided against making silver do half the work and so lessening the strain on gold as is regrettable as it is surprising. The Conference has not yet dissolved, but the telegraphic intelligence thus received of the course of its deliberations precludes all hope of a satisfactory issue. Things will find their level in time no doubt, and trade will adapt itself to the altered conditions, but the next few years will be an anxious and difficult period for all engaged in commerce between silver and gold using countries. The present panic in the London silver market arises from a probably exaggerated idea of the rate at which the gulf between gold and silver is likely to widen, but certain it is that there can be no stability of exchange while the leading nations of Europe refuse to recognise silver as money. If India should unfortunately be induced to join in the scramble for gold, widespread disaster would inevitably ensue, but of that there is happily little probability.

Last year's Customs returns for Tonkin and Annam have just been issued, and they show a very satisfactory result. Mr. LANEYSSAN, the Governor-General, has been made the object of very severe attacks in the Press, but the figures now published show that his administration has not been altogether unsuccessful. Unless some progress was being made with the settlement of the country the revenue, which may be taken as an index to the state of trade, could not be expected to show an increase. The Customs receipts for Tonkin for the last three years are as follows:—1890, £646,982; 1891, £839,262; 1892, £1,163,336. The Annam returns also show an increase though not to the same extent. It would of course conduce to the prosperity of the Colony if the heavy Customs dues were removed or reduced; but that trade should extend as it has done in face of the severe tariff shows what it is capable of. Not only the Customs returns, but also the marine taxes, have increased, the figures being for 1890 £2,047,590, for 1891 £2,179,240, and for 1892 £2,350,000. But though these figures show that something has been done in the specification of the country the constant recurrence of piratical attacks prove that the task is far from being accomplished. If, however, the Government in Paris will refrain from their system of constant changes and leave M. LANEYSSAN undisturbed, at his post for a few years rapid improvement in the state of the country may be hoped for.

To this question a startling answer has been returned by EDWARD SUSS, in a book entitled "Die Zukunft des Silbers," in which the burning topic is taken up from the geological point of view. We are only acquainted with this book through a notice of it appearing in our contemporary, the "Rangoon Gazette," in which we find the writer's conclusions summarised. Mr. Suess is a monetarist, but his one metal is silver not gold. Bimetallism he advocates merely as an intermediate step. The idea of a universal gold currency he declares to be utterly impracticable, as there is not and never can be enough gold to serve the purpose; it is silver which must ultimately become the standard metal of the world, and this for the simple reason that it can be produced in sufficient quantities while gold cannot. Mr. Suess says that though gold is found in (a) the alluvial zone, (b) the "gossan," as it is called by miners, where sulphides and

H.M.S. "Poyasse" arrived at Amoy on the 30th inst. from Hongkong, and left the next day for Shanghai.

The German steamer Leipzig, and the ore-ship Alexander were to leave Singapore after receiving advice from Berlin by the mail of the 29th inst.

An American goldsmith who had been inquiry into the doings of naval personnel at the British Consul in Hongkong, readied as he wished to leave his port.

The steamer *Ulysses* reported on her arrival at Hongkong from Hongkong on the 29th inst. The *Ulysses* had to leave the waters of the world's workable steamer Peking had to anchor for two and a half hours, waiting for the water to rise.

At a regular meeting of the United Service League held on Thursday evening, Mr. J. D. S. Watson, elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Collett was re-elected Treasurer.

An "Old Cuthbert" dinner is announced for Monday next, Founder's Day, at the Hongkong Club. Old Cuthbertians wishing to be present are invited to send in their names to Capt. Cass, Murray Barrocks.

We would remind our readers of Signor Leo Hoenig's "leap from the clouds" at four o'clock this afternoon at Canavay Bay, so as to be hopeful this venture will be attended with better luck than the last.

The China Marine steamer *Concord*, which had been proceeding from Singapore, reports having had deck constantly flooded. That the weather is heavier than usual is indicated by the lengthly passages vessels are making.

At noon yesterday, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Dawnay*, carrying the *Belgian* flag, will call alongside any vessel having cold pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (St. Peter's) church, returning about 12.30.

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There has been some talk of establishing a base band at Singapore, but the idea seems to have been abandoned and the Municipal Council have struck out the rotorservice for that purpose in the estimate. A similar proposal at Hongkong a few years ago was the same.

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The B. and A. steamer *Concord*, which arrived here yesterday, brings news of several sheets of earthenware at Tinor. The following account is courteously supplied by Capt. Shanor.—On the ship's arrival at Tinor (8 p.m. 29th inst.) the crew were told that a heavy band of earthquakes had been felt at 2 a.m. that morning, and while the ship was at anchor there during the night of the 28th two shocks were distinctly felt on board the vessel shivering all over as if grating along a coral reef. One shock was felt at 3.30 and the other at 11.40 and each was accompanied by a low, rolling noise. The crew were so disturbed that they could not sleep well on account of the noise.

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THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.											
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BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS, ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.											
Agents, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1892.											
SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON, FOUNDED 1710.											
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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 16th May, 1892.											
NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.											
TOTAL ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1891, \$10,695,960 24.11.											
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SHEWAN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.											
SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.											
THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms. Current Rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the Local Offices.											
R. J. DAVID & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 26th November, 1892.											
EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.											
ASSURANCE IN FORCE \$107,686,365 NEW ASSURANCE IN 1891 45,563,319 ASSETS, 31st DECEMBER, 1891 23,374,691 The largest Life Assurance Society in the World.											
SHEWAN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1892.											
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.											
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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.											
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000											
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG LUM SIN SANG, Etc. BAN HU, Etc. CHAN LI CHOY, Etc.											
The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.											
CONTRIBUTORY DIVIDENDS are payable to Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.											
WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.											
HEAD OFFICE, No. 2 Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 14th March, 1891.											
THE IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.											
FIRE E.											
LONDON ESTABLISHED 1803.											
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,200,000 PAID UP CAPITAL \$300,000 TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS (over) 1,600,000											
The Undersigned are prepared to accept First CLASS FOREIGN RISKS at Current Rates.											
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents in MEYER & CO., Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.											
GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.											
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEP RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.											
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.											
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG SHEWAN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 8th December, 1892.											
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.											
STEAMSHIP "YARRA."											
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.											
NOTICE.											
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or S.S. Manado and Davao, from Havre or S.S. Davao, from Nantes and Bordes, and S.S. Davao, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.											
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON TO-DAY (SATURDAY), requesting it to be landed here.											
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.											
Goods remaining unclaimed after FRIDAY, the 9th inst., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.											
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 9th inst. (FRIDAY), or they will not be recognized.											
All Damaged Packages will be examined on FRIDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 P.M.											
No Fire Insurance has been effected.											
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1892.											
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000											
BAND OF BRETHREN, LUM SIN SANG, Etc. YU CHONG PENG, Etc. CHAN LI CHOY, Etc.											
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